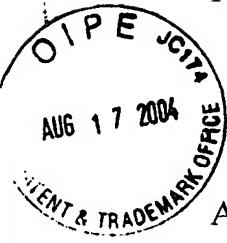


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ELIMINATION OF HYDROGEN FORMED THEREIN**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents:

- (1) U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2001/0045364 A1 (HOCKADAY et al.), November 29, 2001; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0002] of the present application;
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2003/0207160 A1 (FINKELSHTAIN et al.), November 6, 2003; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0002] of the present application;
- (3) U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2003/0207157 A1 (FINKELSHTAIN et al.), November 6, 2003; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0002] of the present application;

(4) U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2003/0099876 A1

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(5) U.S. Patent No. 6,554,877 B2 (FINKELSHTAIN et al.), April 29, 2003;

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(6) U.S. Patent No. 6,562,497 B2 (FINKELSHTAIN et al.), May 13, 2003;

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(7) U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2003/0170522 A1 (HIRSCH),

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(PFLAESTERER), December 25, 2003.

A completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing the above documents is enclosed. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

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If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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